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SECTION I. BELGIAN X-RAY FILM

1. Belgian manufactured x-ray film will be issued to medical installations in place of American film which is in critical short supply.

2. Tests have disclosed that the Belgian film requires a substantial increase in exposure time or the equivalent in KV. It is suggested that hospitals test the first receipt of the Belgian film in order to ascertain the exposure required.

3. Subsequent to receipt of Belgian film it is further suggested that American x-ray film be used primarily for radiographs of those body parts which cannot be depicted easily by Belgian film.

4. Efforts are being made to increase the speed of Belgian film being procured.

SECTION II. PENICILLIN

1. Recent tests of outdated penicillin sodium (Item No. 1606800) indicate that its potency has not deteriorated as a result of age.

2. Penicillin will be used without regard to the date indicated on the ampoule. Medical installations, however, will exercise judgment in storage of penicillin so that earliest dated ampoules are used first, and excess stocks are returned to depots as the patient loads appear to be dropping to lower levels.

SECTION III. DIPHTHERIA ANTITOXIN

1. In Section III of Circular Letter No. 48 dated 31 May 1945, lot #G-072466A, Item 16020 Diphtheria Antitoxin, manufactured by Parke, Davis and Co., was withdrawn from issue pending instructions from this office.

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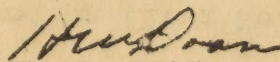
2. It is now directed that stock on hand of this lot of vaccine be surveyed in accordance with par 10c (6)(c), AR 35-6640.

SECTION IV. AMENDMENT TO CURRENT DIRECTIVES

1. Par 26, Circular Letter No. 20, Off Ch Surg, 2 Feb 1944 and par 17, Circular Letter No. 63, Off Ch Surg, 21 Apr 1944, requiring the preparation and submission of a Weekly Patient Census Report, are rescinded.

2. Par 6, Circular Letter No. 146, Off Ch Surg, "Rehabilitation Program", 27 Sep 1943, is rescinded.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:



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